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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
NAOJI OTSUKA ET AL. ) Examiner: L. Nguyen  
Application No.: 09/675,005 ) Group Art Unit: 2861  
Filed: September 29, 2000 )  
For: PRINT APPARATUS AND PRINTING )  
METHOD FOR FORMING A COLOR )  
IMAGE BY APPLYING DIFFERENT )  
COLOR INKS TO A PRINTING )  
MATERIAL USING A RECORDING )  
HEAD (As Amended) : December 31, 2003

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to continued examination on the merits, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) being submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows. The changes to the specification begin at page 2, the claim listing begins at page 3, and the Remarks begin at page 12.

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